

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A digital camera which has a first function of self-timer image-capturing function and a second function different from the first function, the digital camera comprising:

an indicating device which is arranged on a front of the digital camera, indicates a situation in self-timer image-capturing by at least one of lighting and blinking, and indicates an operation situation of the second function,
wherein the second function is at least one of a battery charging function
or a moving image-capturing function.

2. (Original) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the indicating device indicates the operation situation of the second function by at least one of lighting, blinking, and emitting colors.

3. (Currently amended) The digital camera according to claim 1,
wherein the second function further includes ~~is at least one of a battery charging function, a moving image capturing function, and a voice recording function.~~

4. (Original) The digital camera according to claim 3, wherein the indicating device indicates the operation situation of the second function by at least one of lighting, blinking, and emitting colors.

5. (Original) A digital camera, wherein:

- the digital camera has a self-timer image-capturing function;
- the digital camera is mounted to a cradle;
- the cradle has a terminal to communicate with an external device carrying out two-way communication, and a power output terminal to output a direct voltage source;
- the digital camera carries out two-way communication with the external device via the cradle;
- the digital camera has a charging function of charging a battery in the digital camera by the direct voltage source input from the power output terminal of the cradle when power of the digital camera is off; and
- the digital camera comprises a first indicating device which is arranged on a front of the digital camera, indicates a situation in self-timer image-capturing by at least one of lighting and blinking, and indicates a charging situation by the charging function.

6. (Original) The digital camera according to claim 5, further comprising:

a second indicating device which is arranged on a rear of the digital camera and indicates the charging situation by the charging function; and

a detecting device which detects mounting/non-mounting of the digital camera to the cradle,

wherein when the detecting device detects mounting to the cradle, the charging situation of the digital camera is indicated by the first indicating device, and when the detecting device detects non-mounting to the cradle, the charging situation of the digital camera is indicated by the second indicating device on the rear of the camera.

7. (Original) The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein data communicating with the external device is indicated by the first indicating device when the power of the digital camera is on.

8. (New) A method for indicating a plurality of functions of a camera, comprising:

indicating a first function utilizing an indicating device located in a front of the camera, wherein the first function is a self-timer image-capturing function; and

indicating a second function utilizing the indicating device, wherein the second function includes a battery charge processing or a moving image-capturing.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the indicating device is an LED.

10. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating self-timer image-capturing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a continuous manner for a first predetermined period of time when it is determined that a shutter button of the camera is fully depressed;

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner for a second predetermined period of time after the first predetermined period of time has elapsed; and

operating the indicating device in the continuous manner for a third predetermined period of time after the second predetermined period of time has elapsed.

11. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the second function further includes at least one of communications processing, audio recording, and voice memo processing.

12. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating the battery charge processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a continuous manner until it is determined that the battery is fully charged; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the battery is fully charged.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of indicating the communications processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in communication with an external device;

operating the indicating device in an intermittent manner when it is determined that the camera may be disconnected from communication with the external device; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is disconnected from communication with the external device.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication processing occurs via a USB bus.

15. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating the moving image-capturing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in a moving image recording mode; and
ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the moving image recording mode.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the moving image recording mode when a shutter button of the camera is half-depressed or when a predetermined time has passed since a start of the moving image recording mode.

17. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of indicating the audio recording function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in an audio recording mode; and
ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the audio recording mode.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the audio recording mode when a shutter button of the camera is half-depressed or when there is no more capacity in a recording medium.

19. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of indicating the voice memo processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in a voice memo mode; and
ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the voice memo mode.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the voice memo mode

when a menu/OK button of the camera is on or
when a back switch of the camera is on and a predetermined time has passed since a start of the moving image recording mode.